Consolidation Officer have sought redressal from the superior authority and the matter is now pending for decision before the Financial Commissioner of Delhi, who has stayed the orders of the Consolidation Commissioner until the final order/judgement of the highest appellate authority is delivered. Therefore, this Ministry does not like to pass any comments or judgement on this subject.

LPG Agency

3976. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in Maharashtra for which advertisements for allocating LPG/Kerosene/Petrol agencies were made during the last three years;

(b) the details of places for which interviews for Agencies/Dealerships were held and agencies which have actually started functioning/operating, company-wise;

(c) the details of complaints received against faulty/wrong selection of Agents/dealers and action taken thereon alongwith details of agencies under suspension;

(d) the names of agencies/dealerships under suspension for indulgence in irregularities and operating on ad-hoc basis without regular selection alongwith locations, companywise; and

(e) the details of marketing plan for petroleum products for the current year, company-wise indicating places to be covered ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) and (b) Company wise details of the Ro, LPG and SKO/LDO dealerships/distributorships advertised, interview held and commissioned during the last three years i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto January, 1997) is indicated below :

Retail output

	Advertised	Interview Held	Commissioned
IOC	61	18	10
HPC	21	04	02
BPC	16	10	02
IBP	07	02	00
Total	105	34	14

	Advertised	Interview Held	Commissioned
LPG			
IOC	54	00	00
HPC	32	11	03
BPC	20	09	05
Total	106	20	08
SKO/LDO			
IOC	15	07	01
HPC	03	03	00
BPC	03	02	02
IBP	03	00	00
Total	24	12	03

(c) Complaints are received from time to time alleging irregularities in allotments. Government has laid down guidelines for proper and fair selection of dealerships/distributorships by the OSBs. Instructions were issued on October 22, 1996, by the Government directing oil companies to accept and act on the merit panels advised by the OSBs within a week from the completion of interview. For locations where merit panels were advised after a week, fresh selections are required to be made.

(d) Company wise details of dealerships/distributorships operating on ad hac basis in Maharashtra owing to the termination/suspension of the regular dealerships/distributorships for violation of the marketing discipline guidelines are given below :

	RO	LPG
HPC	02	08
BPC	03	00
IBP	01	00
Total	06	08

(e) 106 RO dealerships, 133 LPG distributorships and 8 SKO/LDO dealerships have been included in the approved RO 1993-96, LPG 1994-96 and SKO/LDO 1993-96 Marketing Plans for Maharashtra.

Potable Water Shortage

3977. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of potable drinking water in Allahabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work stated on a new water treatment plant at Allahabad has since been stopped;

(d) if so, the reasons for stopping the work there; and

(e) by when the work on the new water treatment plant is likely to start to tide over the shortage of potable drinking water problem in Allahabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The U.P. Jal Nigam has reported that there is no acute shortage of potable drinking water in Allahabad. However, there is some shortage in certain pockets of the city due to power failure as a result of which the water supply is 170-175 mld as against the total requirement of 200 mld.

(c) The work started on a new water treatment plant at Allahabad has not been stopped.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Backlog of SC/ST Vacancies

3978. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the backlog of posts reserved for SC and ST in the services of Indian Oil Corporation, ONGC, Gas Authority of India Ltd., Oil India during the last three years as on January 31, 1997;

(b) the specific efforts made during these years to fill these backlog and the number of time advertisements to fill these backlog were issued and whether relaxation in standard permissible under rules were also included in these advertisements; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and how these organisations then propose to fill the backlog of reserved posts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The backlog of vacancies reserved for SC and ST in services of IOCL, ONGC, GAIL and OIL during the last three years is given below :-

	1.1.95		1.1.96		31.1.97	
Name of PSU	SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST
IOCL	9	25	–	–	17	27
ONGCL	73	83	170	183	146	140
GAIL	23	36	31	46	44	47
OIL	87	44	82	21	91	29

(b) The specific efforts made during the last three years by these PSUs. to fill up the backlog of above vacancies are mentioned below :-

(i) A Special Recruitment Drive was launched by each PSUs., in 1995 and 1996 to fill up the backlog of vacancies reserved for SC and ST.

(ii) Camp recruitments were made to recruit SC/ ST candidates.

(iii) All the vacancies in group 'A' were advertised in leading National News papers and vacancies in group 'C' and 'D' were notified to local employment Exchanges. All relaxations permissible under the rules were included in the advertisements/notifications.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Employment Schemes

3979. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various employment schemes under operation in the urban areas;

(b) the total number of mandays generated, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount provided to the State Governments for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Two Centrally